

convicted of rape

A Geneva County jury recently found a man guilty of the rape of a 9-year-old girl.

District Attorney Kirke Adams said a jury



Lawrence

found 43-year-old Anthony Quinn Lawrence guilty of a felony first-degree rape charge.

Geneva County Sheriff's deputies arrested Lawrence in September 2014, and charged him with felony first-degree rape. He was later indicted by a grand jury for an additional charge of felony sex abuse of a child less than 12 related to the original charge.

Adams said the sex abuse charge was dismissed at trial. He said the victim, who was 9 years old at the time of the offense, testified at trial how she was sexually assaulted by Lawrence. The victim is now 13 years old. The case

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was tried by assistant prosecutors David Rousseau and Cathey Berardi.

Adams said Law-

rence will be sentenced at a later date by Circuit Court Judge Kimberly Clark. He faces 20 to 99 years or life in prison. Adams said, according to state law, any sentence issued by the court will

have to be served day-for-day with no opportunity for early release because the victim was under the age of 12.

Lawrence will remain in the Geneva County Jail until his sentencing.

Lawrence's brother, Robert Earl Lawrence, 30, was shot by police during an altercation with Dothan police officers outside the Dothan Animal Shelter in late December 2014.